

ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Proclamation

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was passed on July 26, 1990, to ensure the civil rights of citizens with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, July 26, 2023, marks the 33rd anniversary of the ADA; and

WHEREAS, this legislation established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, 42.5 million Americans and 7.1% of Arlington residents report having one or more disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life; and

WHEREAS, individuals with disabilities can live, work, learn, and play across our community and we also realize that the full promise of the Americans with Disabilities Act will only be reached if we continue our efforts to fully implement the act; and

WHEREAS, on the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Arlington County recognizes the progress that has been made by reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion and recommitting our efforts to reach full ADA compliance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christian Dorsey, Chair of the County Board in Arlington, Virginia, do hereby declare July 26, 2023, as the

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and encourage Arlington County residents to celebrate this anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act.



Christian Dorsey
Chair